have approved the finalisation of production sharing contracts in respect of six blocks under the Fourth Round of bidding. Contracts with two foreign bidders could not be finalised as they put forward unacceptable conditions.

(c) and (d) There will not be any impact on the oil exploration programme in the country. Negotiations for finalising the contract are to be held with one of the original bidders *viz.* M/s. Shell, for the block RJ-ON-90/1. The block BB-OS-90/4 has been offered again under the Sixth Round of bidding.

Surveys for Oil and Gas Reserves

1782. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted surveys to find out the oil and natural gas reserves in the country during 1992-93;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the places where possibility of oil and natural gas reserves have been identified, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken for its exploration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the year ONGC and OIL have carried out a total of 63338.225 SLK/CLK of 2D seismic syrvey and 5613.490 Sq. Kms./SSK of 3D Seismic surveys.

(c) and (d) After above seismic date is acquired it will be processed and interpreted to identify suitable locations forexploratory drilling. This is an on going process and each prospect is evaluated on its merits.

Retails Outlets in Andhra Pradesh

1783. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of retail outlets of various petroleum products are sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh under the discretion of the Minister, during the last Five Years; and

(b) what are the names and details of the beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Government have allotted 47 dealerships/ distributorships of petroleum products to different persons in Andhra Pradesh since April, 1989 till date, udner discretionary powers.

Hinduja's for setting up Refinery in Orissa

1784. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Letter of Intent was issued to Hindujas, an NRI Group, to set up a refinery in Orissa.

(b) if so, the details of the projects; and

(c) what is Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) A Letter of Intent has been issued to M/s Ashok Leyland on 14.8.1992 for setting up an oil refinery of 6 MMTPA capacity at Paradeep in Orissa. It is for M/s. Ashok Leyland to implement the L.O.I.